# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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BAN ON EXPORT OF RICE AND OTHER FOOD GRAINS
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has decided to restrict or ban the export of rice and other food grains recently;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any particular variety of food items including rice has been excluded from the restriction; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, item-wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a&b) Yes Sir.With a view to ensure availability of basic foodgrains in the country, ban on export of non-basmati rice has been imposed vide DGFT's Notification No. 93 dated 01.04.2008. Ban on export of pulses has been extended upto 31.03.2009 vide Notification No. 91 dated 01.04.2008, whereas export of wheat & wheat products including wheat flour has been prohibited vide Notification No. 33 dated 08.10.2007 till further orders.

(c&d) Yes Sir.Basmati rice with a minimum export price (MEP) of US$ 1200 or Rs. 48000 PMT has been exempted from the ban on export of rice vide Notification No. 93 dated 01.04.2008, whereas Dollar Gram (Kabuli Chana) is exempted from ban on export of pulses as per Notification No. 48 dated 20.02.2007.